

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A tool for draining liquid from canned foods comprising:

an elongate first arm having a hollow interior;

a presser hingedly attached to the first arm;

an elongate second arm hingedly attached to the first arm at an end thereof, the second arm including a substantially straight distal portion adapted to support a can beneath the presser, said second arm further including a substantially straight handle portion oriented substantially parallel the distal portion;

a substantially rigid elongate connecting band is positioned in the hollow interior and connects the second arm with the presser for stabilization thereof;

wherein the first and second arms are adapted for engaging about a can having the lid substantially detached therefrom, thereby bringing the presser into contact with the lid whereby a compressive force may be applied to the can to squeeze liquid from the contents thereof.

2. (ORIGINAL) The tool of claim 1 wherein the first arm comprises a substantially rectangular member having an open side that receives an arcuate end of the second arm.

3. (ORIGINAL) The tool of claim 2 wherein the second arm comprises a connecting portion disposed between the distal portion and handle portion, said connecting portion oriented at an angle relative to both of the distal portion and the handle portion.

4. (CANCELLED)

5. (ORIGINAL) The tool of claim 1 wherein the presser comprises a body and a detachable foot.

6. (ORIGINAL) The tool of claim 5 further comprising a magnet attached to the foot.

7. (ORIGINAL) The tool of claim 6 wherein the foot comprises a plurality of apertures formed therein.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~The tool of claim 5 further comprising~~ A tool for draining liquid from canned foods comprising:

an elongate first arm;

a presser hingedly attached to the first arm, the presser comprises a body and a detachable foot, a pair of pegs attached to opposite sides of the body, the pegs adapted for removable attachment with the a head via an angled slot formed therein;

an elongate second arm hingedly attached to the first arm at an end thereof, the second arm including a substantially straight distal portion adapted to support a can

beneath the presser, said second arm further including a substantially straight handle portion oriented substantially parallel the distal portion;

wherein the first and second arms are adapted for engaging about a can having the lid substantially detached therefrom, thereby bringing the presser into contact with the lid whereby a compressive force may be applied to the can to squeeze liquid from the contents thereof.

9. (ORIGINAL) A tool for draining packing liquid from canned foods comprising:
a substantially linear first arm having proximal and distal ends;
a presser hingedly attached at the distal end of the first arm;
a second arm having an arcuate end portion attached to the proximal end of the first arm with a hinge and a substantially linear end portion adapted to support a can beneath the presser;
wherein the arcuate end portion of the second arm has a length and curvature such that the linear end portion is aligned substantially parallel with the first arm when the first and second arm are separated by a distance suitable for squeezing a can having a diameter greater than its height, wherein the height is less than about three inches.
10. (ORIGINAL) The tool of claim 9 wherein the arcuate first end portion comprises a curvature greater than about 90°.
11. (ORIGINAL) The tool of claim 10 wherein the second end portion is oriented substantially parallel the first arm when the linear end of the second arm is swung to a point about two inches from the presser.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A tool for draining the liquid from canned food comprising:

a top arm with proximal and distal ends;

a presser disposed at a distal end of the top arm;

a bottom arm having a flat first portion for supporting a can beneath the presser, and further having a substantially linear second portion forming part of a squeezing handle in cooperation with the top arm, the flat first portion is separable from the second portion and engageable therewith at selectable longitudinal positions, the first portion thereby adapted to support cans having varying widths;

wherein the top arm is attached to the bottom arm at its proximal end with a hinge.

13. (CANCELLED)

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The tool of claim ~~13~~ 12 wherein the first portion comprises a V-shaped support.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The tool of claim ~~13~~ 12 further comprising a plurality of pegs and mating apertures for selectively securing the first portion to the second portion.

16. (ORIGINAL) The tool of claim 12 wherein the first portion comprises a substantially planar member that is selectively engageable with the second portion.

17. (ORIGINAL) The tool of claim 16 wherein the first portion comprises a substantially circular platform.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~The tool of claim 12 further comprising~~ A tool for draining the liquid from canned food comprising:

a top arm with proximal and distal ends;

a presser disposed at a distal end of the top arm;

a bottom arm having a flat first portion for supporting a can beneath the presser, and further having a substantially linear second portion forming part of a squeezing handle in cooperation with the top arm;

wherein the top arm is attached to the bottom arm at its proximal end with a hinge; and

a pair of hinged arcuate calipers that are engageable about a can supported by the first portion.

19. (ORIGINAL) The tool of claim 18 further comprising an attachment bar hingedly attached to a first of the calipers and selectively engageable with a second of the calipers to laterally constrain a can supported by the first portion.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~The tool of claim 12 wherein~~ A tool for draining the liquid from canned food comprising:

a top arm with proximal and distal ends;

a presser disposed at a distal end of the top arm;

a bottom arm having a flat first portion for supporting a can beneath the presser, and further having a substantially linear second portion forming part of a squeezing handle in cooperation with the top arm, the first portion comprises a pair of parallel bars attached to the second portion;

wherein the top arm is attached to the bottom arm at its proximal end with a hinge.